(*e*) Yes.
(*f*) Yes.
(*g*) No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the member whether the construction of the new building has been started or not.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know when Govennment proposes to take up that work

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: When funds are available.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there was an order by the previous Dewan that necessary funds would be provided in the budget of 1110 from the department?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: If the member will give me notice, I will get him the necessary answer.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether steps will be taken to expedite the surrender of the proposed site to the Municipality?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I am afraid we cannot give up that building until we have a new building to take its place.

Agreement with the X-ray expert.

12. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any agreement between them and the present X-ray expert before he was entertained in the service, and if so, what are its terms; and

(*b*) whether the agreement has been renewed, if so, when, and what are the new terms and what was the necessity for such a renewal?

Mr. James Simpson: (*a*) There was no agreement. The offer of his services was accepted by Government on the following conditions —

(i) That he should proceed to England and obtain a Diploma in Medical Radiology and Electrology in Cambridge or London and that, after qualification, he should visit and see the practical working of the Electro-Therapeutic Departments in the various London Hospitals for a period of three months at his own expense.

(ii) That on return from England after taking the Diploma and acquiring the practical experience as stated above, he would be appointed as an Assistant Surgeon on the minimum pay in the existing cadre.

(iii) That an allowance of Rs. 75 per mensem, would also be given him for the special work he was to do in addition to his

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own duties as a member of the department but that the payment of the allowance would be made only after the X-ray apparatus was fitted up in the General Hospital and work in that direction was actually begun.

(*b*) There was no renewal of any agreement. When the X-ray Department in the General Hospital was made a full-time institution, the present Specialist was appointed as Radiologist from November 1933 on a revised scale of pay of Rs. 200-50/450 subject to the following conditions —

(i) That if he reverted to the general cadre at any time owing to ill-health, he should not claim seniority by virtue of his pay ;

(ii) That he would be given 50 per cent of the total X-ray receipts which he should share with his Assistant in the ratio of 2 : 1 ; and

(iii) That the risk allowance of Rs. 75 per mensem given to him would be stopped from the date of his getting a pay of Rs. 300 in the new scale.

These changes were made because the services of a full-time Radiologist were found necessary and because the Radiologist's work was risky and arduous.

Supply of medicines to Government hospitals for the year 1110.

13 *Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai : Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points :

(*a*) who was given the contract for the supply of medicines for the use of the Government hospitals for the year 1110 ;

(*b*) when was the contract given ; and

(*c*) whether the Government hospitals in the State have been supplied with all the necessary medicines and, if so, by what time ?

Mr. James Simpson : (*a*) The Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd., Calcutta.

(*b*) On the 13th June 1934.

(*c*) All the hospitals except those in the Hill stations such as Peermade, Devicolam, Ma ayoor and Udumbanshola have been supplied by the close of December 1934.

Appointment of the Controller of Stationery and Printing.

14. *Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad (*Jenmies*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for the delay in appointing the Controller of Stationery and Printing provided for in the budget in 1110 ?

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